

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PRESS ON CIVAIR TALKS

REF: (A) TOKYO 3892, (B) STATE 62375

1. NIHON KEIZAI, MARCH 12, PUBLISHED EXCERPTS OF AN INTERVIEW WITH ASST. SECRETARY KATZ CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON ROUND OF CIVAIR TALKS TO BEGIN MARCH 15. BACKGROUND OF DEADLOCKS ON ISSUES WERE REVIEWED AND 'DEMANDS' OF BOTH COUNTRIES WERE COMPARED. SEC. KATZ IS QUOTED AS SAYING THE U.S. SIDE CONSIDERS THE U.S.-JAPAN AVIATION PROBLEM AS BEING PART OF THE 'REPAIRING OF OVERALL U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE TRADE CONSULTATIONS HELD EARLIER,' AND WARNING THAT FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT WILL CAUSE RELATIONS TO WORSEN. HE IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO STUDY A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WHICH, NIKKEI EDITORIALIZED, INDICATED A WISH ON THE U.S. SIDE TO AVOID A WORSENING OF RELATIONS BEFORE THE SUMMIT TALKS IN MAY. EVEN SO, THE PAPER SAID, SEC. KATZ'S POSITION WAS 'EXTREMELY STIFF' ON CHARTER FLIGHTS, REDUCED FARES, AND INCREASED FLIGHTS FOR  
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2. OTHER PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT THERE IS A "STRONG POSSIBILITY" OF A PROVISIONAL CIVAIR AGREEMENT, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE UPCOMING SUMMIT, BUT THE TEMPORARY INABILITY OF NARITA TO SUPPORT EXPANDED SERVICE UNTIL FUEL SUPPLY PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED. SHERMAN

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